

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 48, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

ABSTRACT

An air conditioner ~~processes a latent heat load and a sensible heat load in a room by using a refrigeration cycle with an inverter compressor (7) and has a~~ heat exchangers (3) and (5) exchanger, an absorbing agent, and a controller (2). The absorbing agent performs an absorbing operation for absorbing moisture in passing air ~~whose heat is absorbed~~ flowing through the heat exchangers (5) and (3) exchanger functioning as ~~an evaporator~~ evaporators and a regenerating operation for desorbing moisture from passing air heated by the heat exchangers (3) and (5) exchanger functioning as ~~a condenser~~ condensers. The controller (2) performs control such that the absorbing operation and the regenerating operation ~~by the absorbing agent~~ are switched at a predetermined switching time intervals interval. The controller (2) also performs control of ~~the a capacity of the inverter a compressor (7) and control for changing the absorbing operation and predetermined~~ switching time intervals interval such that a predetermined load out of a total heat load, which is the sum of the latent heat load and the sensible heat load, ~~the latent heat load, and the sensible heat load~~ is preferentially processed.